



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education

Minutes of the August 19, 2013 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Monday, August 19, 2013, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; William Beardsley; and Nichi Farnham by phone (Board Members); Mark Cyr, Department of Education; and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate

Also present were: Andrew McAuliff, RSU#54/Maine School Management; and Heather Perry, Superintendent, RSU #3

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:16 AM.

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Nancy Perkins and unanimously voted by those present to approve the July 1, 2013 minutes as written.

Updates

Certification (Mark Cyr):

- Mark gave a brief overview of the Educational Testing Service's (ETS) process, and how ETS goes about revising tests. As a natural process ETS revises each test every five years.

Higher Education:

- The Higher Education Specialist position has not been filled.

Government Evaluation Act

- The Committee needs to schedule a workshop session to review the Certification areas in the Government Evaluation Act. The changes need to be completed by mid-September. Mary will send out a meeting wizard this week with potential dates.

Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ)

The 3 items that the Committee highlighted for conversation are:

- Selection Criteria
- Content Preparation
- Student Teaching Placement

The CAEP document has not been formally adopted but will have only minor changes:

The five content standards that are in CAEP address some of the same things that are in NCTQ.

Standard 1: Content and Pedagogical Knowledge

Standard 2: Clinical Partnerships and Practice

Standard 3: Candidate Quality, Recruitment, and Selectivity

Standard 4: Program Impact

Standard 5: Provider Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement

Some of the elements of NCTQ are in the basic standards that CAEP is going to require of Teacher Preparation Programs.

The Committee would like to have a dialogue with Teacher Prep. Questions for Teacher Preparation Programs:

- What are your concerns about how the five CAEP standards match up with the criteria that is in place?
- How should the issue of candidate quality/selection criteria be addressed?
- Are we addressing the needs of the hard to staff schools in shortage areas? Do we know if we have enough STEM graduates? Do we know about the teacher vacancy needs of ELL or special education?
- Data Analysis – What is the input from the colleges now and how is it connected to these reports? What are the capacity needs for collecting the data? Do we have data about the success rate of teacher preparation program graduates?
- Do the standards that we have in place currently address the SAEP requirements for content knowledge?
- What changes would need to be made, if any, in our programs?
- Why was the data not submitted to NCTQ?

Handouts:

- NYC Department of Education Releases First Ever Teacher Preparation Program Reports (Article – 8/14/13)
- Email from Wendy Gaal, Reading Matters to Maine.
 - Attachment 1 – Letter from Rachel Brown, Associate Professor of Educational and School Psychology, USM
 - Attachment 2 – Reading Matters to Maine's Fourth Annual Conversation about Reading

Nancy will invite Bill Hurwitch, Department of Education, to a meeting for a presentation on the Maine Education Data Management System (MEDMS). Members will be asked to bring their laptop for a hands-on presentation so they can see what is available in MEDMS.

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2013 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.